

APPENDIX INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION

**(AFTER FCC ORDER NO. 01-131, AGREEING TO
EXCHANGE ONLY ISP-BOUND TRAFFIC AT THE
FCC RATES IN CERTAIN STATES, WHERE
APPLICABLE)**

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1. SCOPE OF APPENDIX

- 1.1 This Appendix sets forth the terms and conditions for Intercarrier Compensation of intercarrier Telecommunications traffic between the applicable SBC Communications Inc (SBC) owned Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier and CLEC, but only to the extent they are interconnected and exchanging calls pursuant to a fully executed, underlying Interconnection Agreement approved by the applicable state or federal regulatory agency for Telecommunications traffic in the applicable state..
- 1.2 The provisions of this Appendix apply to Telecommunications traffic originated over the originating carrier's facilities or over any combination of Network Elements purchased by CLEC from SBC WISCONSIN on a wholesale basis.
- 1.3 The provisions of this Appendix do not apply to traffic originated over services provided under Local Resale Service. SBC WISCONSIN will compensate the terminating carrier in accordance with this Appendix for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic (also known as "Optional Calling Area Traffic") and IntraLATA Toll Traffic that originates from an end user that is served by a carrier providing Telecommunications services utilizing SBC WISCONSIN's Resale Service.
- 1.4 Any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Appendix and other provisions of the underlying Interconnection Agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this Appendix.

2. ILEC DESIGNATIONS

- 2.1 **SBC Communications Inc. (SBC)** means the holding company which directly or indirectly owns the following ILECs: Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Illinois, Indiana Bell Telephone Company Incorporated d/b/a SBC Indiana, Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Michigan, Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Nevada, The Ohio Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Ohio, Pacific Bell Telephone Company d/b/a SBC California, The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a SBC Connecticut, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Arkansas, SBC Kansas, SBC Missouri, SBC Oklahoma and/or SBC Texas and/or Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin.
- 2.2 SBC WISCONSIN - As used herein, SBC WISCONSIN means Wisconsin Bell, Inc. d/b/a SBC Wisconsin, the applicable SBC-owned ILEC doing business in Wisconsin.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

- 3.1 For all traffic originated on a Party's network including, without limitation, Switched Access Traffic, such Party shall provide CPN as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 64.1600(c) ("CPN") in accordance with Section 3.3 below. Each Party to this Agreement will be responsible for passing on any CPN it receives from a third party for traffic delivered to the other Party. In addition, each Party agrees that it shall not strip, alter, modify, add, delete, change, or incorrectly assign any CPN. If either Party identifies improper, incorrect, or fraudulent use of local exchange services (including, but not limited to PRI, ISDN and/or Smart Trunks), or identifies stripped, altered, modified, added, deleted, changed, and/or incorrectly assigned CPN, the Parties agree to cooperate with one another to investigate and take corrective action.
- 3.2 If one Party is passing CPN but the other Party is not properly receiving information, the Parties will work cooperatively to correct the problem.
- 3.3 For traffic which is delivered by one Party to be terminated on the other Party's network in SBC WISCONSIN territory if the percentage of such calls passed with CPN is greater than ninety percent (90%), all calls delivered by one Party to the other for termination without CPN will be billed as either Section 251(b)(5) Traffic or IntraLATA Toll Traffic in direct proportion to the total MOUs of calls delivered by one Party to the other with CPN. If the percentage of calls passed with CPN is less than 90%, all calls delivered by one Party to the other without CPN will be billed at Intrastate Switched Access rates.

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- 3.5 CLEC has the sole obligation to enter into intercarrier compensation arrangements with third party Telecommunications Carriers regarding CLEC's traffic and such other carriers' traffic, including without limitation any where CLEC originates traffic to or terminates traffic from an end user being served by a third party Telecommunications carrier who has purchased any combination of Network Elements from **SBC WISCONSIN** on a wholesale basis to such Telecommunications Carrier, and by which such Telecommunications Carrier uses it to offer to end users wireline local telephone exchange service. In no event will **SBC WISCONSIN** have any liability to CLEC or any third party if CLEC fails to enter into such compensation arrangements. In the event that traffic is exchanged with a third party carrier with whom CLEC does not have a traffic compensation agreement, CLEC will indemnify, defend and hold harmless **SBC WISCONSIN** against any and all losses including without limitation, charges levied by such third party carrier. The third party carrier and CLEC will bill their respective charges directly to each other. **SBC WISCONSIN** will not be required to function as a billing intermediary, e.g., clearinghouse. **SBC WISCONSIN** may provide information regarding such traffic to other Telecommunications Carriers or entities as appropriate to resolve traffic compensation issues.
- 3.6 The Parties agree that, notwithstanding the classification of traffic under this Appendix, either Party is free to define its own "local" calling area(s) for purposes of its provision of Telecommunications services to its end users.
- 3.7 For Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, and IntraLATA Toll Traffic, the Party whose End User originates such traffic shall compensate the Party who terminates such traffic to its End User for the transport and termination of such traffic at the applicable rate(s) provided in this Appendix and Appendix Pricing and/or the applicable Switched Access Tariffs.
- 3.8 To the extent that the Parties are not currently exchanging traffic in a given LATA or Local Calling Area, the Parties' obligation to pay intercarrier compensation to each other shall commence on the date the Parties agree that the Interconnection is complete (i.e., each Party has established its originating trunks as well as all ancillary traffic trunking such as Operator Services, 911 or Mass Calling trunks) and is capable of fully supporting originating and terminating end user customers' traffic. In addition, the Parties agree that test traffic is not subject to compensation pursuant to this Appendix Intercarrier Compensation.
- 3.9 The Parties acknowledge that this Appendix addresses solely the method of compensation for traffic properly exchanged by the Parties under this Agreement. This Appendix is not meant to address whether the Parties are obligated to exchange any specific type of traffic, nor the types of services to be offered by **SBC WISCONSIN** pursuant to this agreement.
- 3.9.1 More specifically, and without limiting the foregoing Section 3.9, the Parties acknowledge that this Appendix does not address "Out of Exchange Traffic" with an "Out of Exchange-LEC." The Parties acknowledge that they have agreed upon terms and conditions for the exchange of such traffic, as provided for in Appendix OE-LEC hereto. For purposes of this Agreement, "Out of Exchange LEC" (OE-LEC) means 24-7 Telcom operating within **SBC WISCONSIN**'s incumbent local exchange area and also providing Telecommunications Services in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area that shares mandatory or optional calling with **SBC WISCONSIN**. For purposes of this Agreement, "Out of Exchange Traffic" is defined as Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic, FX, IntraLATA traffic and/or InterLATA Section 251(b)(5) Traffic exchanged pursuant to an FCC approved or court ordered InterLATA boundary waiver that:
- (i) Originates from an OE-LEC end user located in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area and terminates to an **SBC WISCONSIN** end user located in an **SBC WISCONSIN** local exchange area or;
 - (ii) Originates from an **SBC WISCONSIN** end user located in an **SBC WISCONSIN** local exchange area and terminates to an OE-LEC end user located in another ILEC's incumbent local exchange area.

4. INTERCARRIER COMPENSATION FOR TERMINATION OF SECTION 251(b)(5) TRAFFIC

- 4.1 Section 251(b)(5) Traffic shall mean Telecommunications traffic in which the originating End User of one Party and the terminating End User of the other Party are:
- a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
 - b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes but is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS), or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.
- 4.2 SBC-WISCONSIN made an offer (the "Offer") to all Telecommunications carriers to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic on and after the designated dates provided below pursuant to the terms and conditions of the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan of the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68 (rel. April 27, 2001)) ("FCC ISP Compensation Order") which was remanded but not vacated in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

SBC WISCONSIN and CLEC agree to carry out the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan on the date designated by SBC WISCONSIN in a particular state without waiving, and expressly reserving, all appellate rights to contest FCC, judicial, legislative, or other regulatory rulings regarding ISP-Bound traffic, including but not limited to, appeals of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. By agreeing to this Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before courts, state or federal commissions, or legislative bodies.

- 4.2.1 Should a regulatory agency, court or legislature change or nullify the SBC WISCONSIN's designated date to begin billing under the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan, then the Parties also agree that any necessary billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments shall be made symmetrically and to the same date that the FCC terminating compensation plan was deemed applicable to all traffic in that state exchanged under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to the extent they are ordered by Intervening Law, to apply uniformly to all traffic among SBC WISCONSIN and 24-7 Telcom, Inc. in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.
- 4.2.2 The Parties further acknowledge that federal or state court challenges could be sustained against the FCC's ISP Compensation Order in particular, or against ISP intercarrier compensation generally. In particular, a court could order an injunction, stay or other retroactive ruling on ISP compensation back to the effective date of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. Alternatively, a court could vacate the underlying Order upon which the compensation was based, and the FCC (either on remand or on its own motion) could rule that past traffic should be paid at different rates, terms or conditions. Because of these possibilities, the Parties agree that should the ISP Compensation Order be modified or reversed in such a manner that prior intercarrier compensation was paid under rates, terms or conditions later found to be null and void, then the Parties agree that, in addition to negotiating appropriate amendments to conform to such modification or reversal, the Parties will also agree that any billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments on past traffic shall be made uniformly and on the same date as for all traffic exchanged under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to apply to all traffic among SBC WISCONSIN and 24-7 Telcom, Inc. in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.
- 4.3 In SBC WISCONSIN the rates, terms and conditions for compensation of Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, as defined in Section 4.1, are set forth in Sections 4 and ISP-Bound Traffic, as defined in Section 5.1 will be compensated at the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation rate as set forth in Section 5.3.2 below in a specific state on

the later of (i) the Effective Date of this Agreement and (ii) the effective date of the offer in a particular state. The Parties acknowledge that SBC-WISCONSIN has made such offer in Wisconsin effective on and after June 1, 2003. The compensation set forth below in Section 4 will apply to all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and the compensation set forth below in Section 5 will apply to all ISP-Bound Traffic.

- 4.4 Bifurcated Rates (Call Set Up and Call Duration). The Parties agree to compensate each other for the termination of Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic (if applicable in accordance with Section 4.0), on a "bifurcated" basis, meaning assessing an initial Call Set Up charge on a per Message basis, and then assessing a separate Call Duration charge on a per Minute of Use (MOU) basis, where ever per Message charges are applicable. The following rate elements apply, but the corresponding rates are shown in Appendix Pricing:
- 4.5 In instances where the originating Party is originating Telecommunications traffic over its own facilities (i.e., not leased or purchased from SBC-WISCONSIN), the following Tandem Serving Rate Elements are applicable to Tandem Routed Traffic on a terminating MOU basis and includes compensation for the following sub-elements:
 - 4.5.1 Tandem Switching - compensation for the use of tandem switching only consisting of a duration (per minute) rate element.
 - 4.5.2 Tandem Transport - compensation for the transmission facilities between the Local Tandem and the End Offices subtending that Tandem consisting of a transport termination (per minute) rate element and transport facility mileage (per minute, per mile) rate element.
 - 4.5.3 End Office Switching in a Tandem Serving Arrangement - compensation for the Local End Office switching and line termination necessary to complete the transmission in a Tandem-served arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and a call duration (per minute) rate.
- 4.6 In instances where the originating Party is originating Telecommunications traffic over its own facilities (i.e., not leased or purchased from SBC WISCONSIN), the following End Office switching rate elements are applicable on a terminating MOU basis:
 - 4.6.1 End Office Switching - compensation for the local End Office switching and line termination necessary to complete the transmission in an End Office serving arrangement. It consists of a call set-up rate (per message) and a call duration (per minute) rate.
- 4.7 CLEC shall only be paid End Office Serving Rate Elements.
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- 4.9 Intercarrier Compensation for Wholesale Local Switching Traffic
 - 4.9.1 Where CLEC purchases any combination of Network Elements from SBC-WISCONSIN on a wholesale basis, CLEC will deal directly with third party carriers for purposes of intercarrier compensation for calls originated by or terminated to the end users served by such arrangements. SBC-WISCONSIN is required to provide CLEC with timely, complete and correct information to enable CLEC to meet the requirements of this section.
 - 4.9.2 The following intercarrier compensation terms shall apply to all traffic exchanged between SBC WISCONSIN and CLECs when CLEC purchases any combination of Network Elements from SBC WISCONSIN on a wholesale basis:
 - 4.9.2.1 For intra-switch Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between SBC WISCONSIN and CLEC, the Parties agree to impose no call termination charges pertaining to reciprocal compensation on each other.
 - 4.9.2.2 For interswitch Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between SBC WISCONSIN and CLEC where CLEC's end user originates a call that is terminated to a SBC WISCONSIN end user, or visa versa, the originating Party shall pay the End Office Switch rate set forth in Appendix Pricing and as specified in Section 4.6 for the transport and termination of

Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, excluding ISP-Bound Traffic and the FCC Plan rate set forth in Section 5.3.2 for the transport and termination of ISP-Bound Traffic.

5. RATES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FCC'S INTERIM ISP TERMINATING COMPENSATION PLAN

5.1 In accordance with the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order, In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Compensation Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic, FCC 01-131, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 99-68 (rel. April, 27, 2001) ("FCC ISP Compensation Order"), "ISP-Bound Traffic" shall mean Telecommunications traffic exchanged between CLEC and **SBC WISCONSIN** in which the originating End User of one Party and the ISP served by the other Party are:

- a. both physically located in the same ILEC Local Exchange Area as defined by the ILEC's Local (or "General") Exchange Tariff on file with the applicable state commission or regulatory agency; or
- b. both physically located within neighboring ILEC Local Exchange Areas that are within the same common mandatory local calling area. This includes, but it is not limited to, mandatory Extended Area Service (EAS), mandatory Extended Local Calling Service (ELCS) or other types of mandatory expanded local calling scopes.

In Wisconsin, **SBC WISCONSIN** has offered to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound traffic pursuant to the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan set forth in the FCC ISP Compensation Order, traffic is presumed to be ISP-Bound Traffic in accordance with the rebuttable presumption set forth in Section 5.7 of this Appendix.

5.2 The Parties hereby agree that the following rates, terms and conditions set forth in Section 5 shall apply to the termination of all ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties in each of the applicable state(s) **SBC WISCONSIN** has made an offer as described in Section 4 above effective on the later of (i) the Effective Date of this Agreement and (ii) the effective date of the offer in the particular state and that all ISP-Bound Traffic is subject to the rebuttable presumption.

5.3 Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic

5.3.1 The rates, terms, and conditions in Section 5 apply only to the termination of all ISP-Bound Traffic as defined in Section 5.1 and are subject to the rebuttable presumption.

5.3.2 The Parties agree to compensate each other for the transport and termination of all ISP-Bound Traffic on a minute of use basis, at \$.0007 per minute of use.

5.3.3 Payment of Intercarrier Compensation on ISP-Bound Traffic will not vary according to whether the traffic is routed through a tandem switch or directly to an End Office Switch.

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5.6 Bill and Keep Arrangements

5.6.1 Wherever Bill and Keep for ISP-Bound Traffic is the traffic termination arrangement between the Parties, both Parties shall segregate the Bill and Keep traffic from other compensable traffic either (a) by excluding the Bill and Keep minutes of use from other compensable minutes of use in the monthly billing invoices, or (b) by any other means mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

5.7 ISP-Bound Traffic Rebuttable Presumption

5.7.1 In accordance with Paragraph 79 of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order, the Parties agree that there is a rebuttable presumption that any of the combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties exceeding a 3:1 terminating to originating ratio is presumed to be ISP-Bound Traffic subject to the compensation in this Section 5.7. Either Party has the right to rebut the 3:1 ISP-Bound Traffic presumption by identifying the actual ISP-Bound Traffic by any means mutually agreed by the Parties, or by any method approved by the Commission. If a Party seeking to rebut the presumption takes appropriate action at the Commission pursuant to Section 252 of the Act and the

Commission agrees that such Party has rebutted the presumption, the methodology and/or means approved by the Commission for use in determining the ratio shall be utilized by the Parties as of the date of the Commission approval and, in addition, shall be utilized to determine the appropriate true-up as described below. During the pendency of any such proceedings to rebut the presumption, the Parties will remain obligated to pay the reciprocal compensation rates set forth in Section 4 for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic, and the rates set forth in Section 5.3.2 for ISP-Bound Traffic, subject to a true-up upon the conclusion of such proceedings. Such true-up shall be retroactive back to the date a Party first sought appropriate relief from the Commission.

- 5.8 For purposes of this Section 5.8, all Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and all ISP-Bound Traffic shall be referred to as "Billable Traffic" and will be billed in accordance with Section 14.0 below.

5.8.1 For combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties which does not exceed a 3:1 terminating to originating ratio as set forth in Section 5.7 above, such traffic shall be defined as "In-Balance" traffic. Each Party will invoice the other Party on a monthly basis for such "In-Balance" traffic at the intercarrier compensation rates set forth in Section 4.0 for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic.

5.8.2 For combined Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic exchanged between the Parties exceeding a 3:1 terminating to originating ratio as set forth in Section 5.7 above, such traffic shall be defined as "Out-of-Balance" traffic. The Carrier whose traffic is "Out-of-Balance" will, on a monthly basis, calculate the amount of traffic that will be invoiced as follows: (1) for Section 251(b)(5) traffic, the rates shall be the intercarrier compensation rates set forth in Section 4.0; (2) for ISP-Bound Traffic, the rates shall be the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation rates set forth in Section 5.3.2

6. OTHER TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC

- 6.1 Except as set forth in section 5 above, the terms of this Appendix are not applicable to (i) interstate or intrastate Exchange Access traffic, (ii) Information Access traffic, or (iii) any other type of traffic found to be exempt from intercarrier compensation by the FCC or the Commission, with the exception of ISP-Bound Traffic which is addressed in this Appendix. All Exchange Access traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions of applicable federal and state tariffs.

- 6.2 Foreign Exchange (FX) services are retail service offerings purchased by FX customers which allow such FX customers to obtain exchange service from a mandatory local calling area other than the mandatory local calling area where the FX customer is physically located, but within the same LATA as the number that is assigned. FX service enables particular end-user customers to avoid what might otherwise be toll calls between the FX customer's physical location and customers in the foreign exchange. FX Telephone Numbers are those telephone numbers with rating and routing point that are different from those of the geographic area in which the end user is physically located. FX Telephone Numbers that deliver second dial tone and the ability for the calling party to enter access codes and an additional recipient telephone number remain classified as Feature Group A (FGA) calls, and are subject to the originating and terminating carrier's tariffed Switched Exchange Access rates (also known as "Meet Point Billed" compensation), or if jointly provisioned FGA service, subject to the terms and conditions of Appendix FGA. There are two types of FX service:

6.2.1 "Dedicated FX Traffic" shall mean those calls routed by means of a physical, dedicated circuit delivering dial tone or otherwise serving an end user's station from a serving Central Office (also known as End Office) located outside of that station's mandatory local calling area. Dedicated FX Service permits the end user physically located in one exchange to be assigned telephone numbers resident in the serving Central (or End) Office in another, "foreign," exchange, thereby creating a local presence in that "foreign" exchange.

6.2.2 "Virtual Foreign Exchange (FX) Traffic" and "FX-type Traffic" shall refer to those calls delivered to telephone numbers that are rated as local to the other telephone numbers in a given mandatory local calling area, but where the recipient end user's station assigned that telephone number is physically located outside of that mandatory local calling area. Virtual FX Service also permits an end user

physically located in one exchange to be assigned telephone numbers resident in the serving Central (or End) Office in another, foreign," exchange, thereby creating a local presence in the "foreign" exchange. Virtual FX Service differs from Dedicated FX Service, however, in that Virtual FX end users continue to draw dial tone or are otherwise served from a Central (or End) Office which may provide service across more than one Commission-prescribed mandatory local calling area, whereas Dedicated FX Service end users draw dial tone or are otherwise served from a Central (or End) Office located outside their mandatory calling area.

6.2.3 FX Traffic is not Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and instead the transport and termination compensation for FX Traffic is subject to a Bill and Keep arrangement in SBC WISCONSIN.

6.2.3.1 To the extent that ISP-Bound Traffic is provisioned via an FX-type arrangement, such traffic is subject to a Bill and Keep arrangement. "Bill and Keep" refers to an arrangement in which neither of two interconnecting parties charges the other for terminating FX traffic that originates on the other party's network.

6.3 Private Line Services include private line-like and special access services and are not subject to intercarrier compensation. Private Line Services are defined as a digital point-to-point connection that provides a dedicated circuit of pre-subscribed bandwidth between any two points. Private Line Services are used to consolidate communications over one line-voice, data, video and multimedia.

6.4 The Parties recognize and agree that ISP and Internet traffic (excluding ISP-Bound Traffic as defined in Section 5.1) could also be exchanged outside of the applicable local calling scope, or routed in ways that could make the rates and rate structure in Sections 4 and 5 above not apply, including but not limited to ISP calls that fit the underlying Agreement's definitions of:

- FX Traffic
- Optional EAS Traffic
- IntraLATA Toll Traffic
- InterLATA Toll Traffic
- 800, 888, 877, ("8YY") Traffic
- Feature Group A Traffic
- Feature Group D Traffic

6.5 The Parties agree that, for the purposes of this Appendix, either Parties' End Users remain free to place ISP calls under any of the above classifications. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent such ISP calls are placed, the Parties agree that Sections 4 and 5 above do not apply. The applicable rates, terms and conditions for: (a) FX Traffic are set forth in Section 6.2; (b), 8YY Traffic are set forth in Section 10; (c) Feature Group D Traffic are set forth in the applicable state tariff; (d) IntraLATA Toll Traffic are set forth in Section 13; and/or (e) InterLATA Toll Traffic are set forth in the applicable state tariff.

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9. PRIMARY TOLL CARRIER ARRANGEMENTS

9.1 A Primary Toll Carrier (PTC) is a company that provides IntraLATA Toll Traffic Service for its own end user customers and potentially for a third party ILEC's end user customers. In this ILEC arrangement, the PTC would receive the ILEC end user intraLATA toll traffic revenues and pay the ILEC for originating these toll calls (originating access and billing & collection charges). The PTC would also pay the terminating access charges on behalf of the ILEC. In SBC WISCONSIN where Primary Toll Carrier arrangements are mandated and for the intraLATA toll traffic which is subject to a PTC arrangement and where SBC WISCONSIN is functioning as

the PTC for a third party ILEC's end user customers, the following provisions apply to the IntraLATA toll traffic which is subject to the PTC arrangement:

- (i) **SBC WISCONSIN** shall deliver such intraLATA toll traffic that originated from that third party ILEC and terminated to CLEC as the terminating carrier in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement mandated by the respective state Commission. **SBC WISCONSIN** shall pay the CLEC on behalf of the originating third party ILEC for the termination of such intraLATA toll traffic at the terminating access rates as set forth in the CLEC's Intrastate Access Service Tariff, but such compensation shall not exceed the compensation contained in the **SBC WISCONSIN** Intrastate Access Service Tariff in the respective state; and/or
- (ii) **SBC WISCONSIN** shall deliver such intraLATA toll traffic that originated from CLEC and terminated to third party ILEC in accordance with the terms and conditions of such PTC arrangement mandated by the respective state Commission. CLEC shall pay **SBC WISCONSIN** for the use of its facilities at the rates set forth in **SBC WISCONSIN**'s Intrastate Access Service Tariff. CLEC shall pay the ILEC for the termination of such traffic originated from CLEC.

10. INTRALATA 800 TRAFFIC

- 10.1 The Parties shall provide to each other intraLATA 800 Access Detail Usage Data for Customer billing and intraLATA 800 Copy Detail Usage Data for access billing in Exchange Message Interface (EMI) format. On a monthly basis the Parties agree to provide this data to each other at no charge. In the event of errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in data received from either Party, the liability of the Party providing such data shall be limited to the provision of corrected data only. If the originating Party does not send an End User billable record to the terminating Party, the originating Party will not bill the terminating Party any interconnection charges for this traffic.
- 10.2 IntraLATA 800 Traffic calls are billed to and paid for by the called or terminating Party, regardless of which Party performs the 800 query. Billing shall be based on originating and terminating NPA/NXX.

11. MEET POINT BILLING (MPB) AND SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 11.1 Intercarrier compensation for Switched Access Traffic shall be on a Meet Point Billing ("MPB") basis as described below.
- 11.2 The Parties will establish MPB arrangements in order to provide Switched Access Services via the respective carrier's Tandem Office Switch in accordance with the MPB guidelines contained in the Ordering and Billing Forum's MECOD and MECAB documents, as amended from time to time.
- 11.3 Billing for the Switched Exchange Access Services jointly provided by the Parties via MPB arrangements shall be according to the multiple bill/single tariff method. As described in the MECAB document, each Party will render a bill in accordance with its own tariff for that portion of the service it provides. Each Party will bill its own network access service rates. The residual interconnection charge (RIC), if any, will be billed by the Party providing the end office function.
- 11.4 The Parties will maintain provisions in their respective federal and state access tariffs, or provisions within the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) Tariff No. 4, or any successor tariff, sufficient to reflect this MPB arrangement, including MPB percentages.
- 11.5 As detailed in the MECAB document, the Parties will exchange all information necessary to accurately, reliably and promptly bill third parties for Switched Access Services traffic jointly handled by the Parties via the Meet Point Billing arrangement. Information shall be exchanged in a mutually acceptable electronic file transfer protocol. Where the EMI records cannot be transferred due to a transmission failure, records can be provided via a mutually acceptable medium. The exchange of Access Usage Records ("AURs") to accommodate MPB will be on a reciprocal, no charge basis. Each Party agrees to provide the other Party with AURs based upon mutually agreed upon intervals.

- 11.6 MPB shall also apply to all jointly provided Switched Access MOU traffic bearing the 900, or toll free NPAs (e.g., 800, 877, 866, 888 NPAs, or any other non-geographic NPAs). The Party that performs the SSP function (launches the query to the 800 database) will bill the 800 Service Provider for this function.
- 11.7 Each Party will act as the Official Recording Company for Switched Access usage when it is jointly provided between the Parties. As described in the MECAB document, the Official Recording Company for tandem routed traffic is: (1) the end office company for originating traffic, (2) the tandem company for terminating traffic and (3) the SSP company for originating 800 traffic.
- 11.8 SBC WISCONSIN and CLEC agree to provide the other Party with notification of any discovered errors in the record exchange process within ten (10) business days of the discovery.
- 11.9 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data within sixty (60) days of notification and if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based upon no more than three (3) to twelve (12) consecutive months of prior usage data.

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13. INTRALATA TOLL TRAFFIC COMPENSATION

- 13.1 For intrastate intraLATA toll traffic, compensation for termination of such traffic will be at terminating access rates for Message Telephone Service (MTS) and originating access rates for 800 Service, including the Carrier Common Line (CCL) charge where applicable, as set forth in each Party's Intrastate Access Service Tariff, but such compensation shall not exceed the compensation contained in an SBC WISCONSIN's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located.
- 13.2 For interstate intraLATA toll traffic, compensation for termination of such traffic will be at terminating access rates for MTS and originating access rates for 800 Service including the CCL charge, as set forth in each Party's interstate Access Service Tariff, but such compensation shall not exceed the compensation contained in the SBC WISCONSIN's tariff in whose exchange area the End User is located. Common transport, (both fixed and variable), as well as tandem switching and end office rates apply only in those cases where a Party's tandem is used to terminate traffic.

14. BILLING ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERMINATION OF SECTION 251(b)(5) TRAFFIC, OPTIONAL EAS TRAFFIC, ISP-BOUND TRAFFIC AND INTRALATA TOLL TRAFFIC

- 14.1 In SBC WISCONSIN, each Party, unless otherwise agreed, will calculate terminating interconnection minutes of use based on standard switch recordings made within terminating carrier's network for 251(b)(5) Traffic, Optional EAS Traffic, ISP-Bound Traffic and IntraLATA Toll Traffic. These recordings are the basis for each Party to generate bills to the other Party.
- 14.1.1 Where a terminating CLEC is not technically capable of billing the originating Party through the use of terminating records, SBC WISCONSIN will provide the appropriate category of originating records to CLEC for the purposes of billing intercarrier compensation.
- 14.1.2 The decision by the CLEC to utilize terminating recordings does not in any way relieve the obligation of the CLEC to exchange the appropriate category of records with other LECs.
- 14.1.3 Where CLEC is using terminating recordings to bill intercarrier compensation, SBC WISCONSIN will provide the terminating Category 11-01-XX records by means of the Daily Usage File (DUF) to identify traffic that originates from an end user being served by a third party Telecommunications carrier using an SBC WISCONSIN non-resale offering whereby SBC WISCONSIN provides the End Office Switching on a wholesale basis. Such records will contain the Operating Company Number (OCN) of the responsible LEC that originated the calls which CLEC may use to bill such originating carrier for MOUs terminated on CLEC's network.
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- 14.3 In states in which SBC WISCONSIN has offered to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound traffic pursuant to the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan set forth in the FCC ISP Compensation Order, ISP-Bound Traffic will be calculated using the 3:1 Presumption as set forth in Section 5.7 of this Appendix.
- 14.4 The measurement of minutes of use over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups shall be in actual conversation seconds. The total conversation seconds over each individual Local Interconnection Trunk Group will be totaled for the entire monthly bill and then rounded to the next whole minute.
- 14.5 All ISP-Bound Traffic for a given usage month shall be due and owing at the same time as payments for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic under this Appendix. The Parties agree that all terms and conditions regarding disputed minutes of use, nonpayment, partial payment, late payment, interest on outstanding balances, or other billing and payment terms shall apply to ISP-Bound Traffic the same as for Section 251(b)(5) Traffic under this Appendix.
- 14.6 For billing disputes arising from Intercarrier Compensation charges, the Party challenging the disputed amounts (the "Non-Paying Party") may withhold payment for the amounts in dispute (the "Disputed Amounts") from the Party rendering the bill (the "Billing Party") only for so long as the dispute remains pending pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures of the General Terms and Conditions. Late payment charges and interest will continue to accrue on the Disputed Amounts while the dispute remains pending. The Non-Paying Party need not pay late payment charges or interest on the Disputed Amounts for so long as the dispute remains pending pursuant to the dispute resolution procedures of the General Terms and Conditions. Upon resolution of the dispute pertaining to the Disputed Amounts in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions of the General Terms and Conditions: (1) the Non-Paying Party will remit the appropriate Disputed Amounts to the Billing Party, together with all related interest and late payment charges, to the Billing Party within ten (10) business days of the resolution of the dispute, if (and to the extent) the dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party; and/or (2) the Billing Party will render all appropriate credits and adjustments to the Non-Paying Party for the Disputed Amounts, together with all appropriate interest and late payment charges, within ten (10) business days of the resolution of the dispute, if (and to the extent) the dispute is resolved in favor of the Non-Paying Party.
- 14.7 In the event of a loss of data, both Parties shall cooperate to reconstruct the lost data within sixty (60) days of notification and if such reconstruction is not possible, shall accept a reasonable estimate of the lost data, based upon no more than three (3) to twelve (12) consecutive months of prior usage data.

15. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS AND SPECIFIC INTERVENING LAW TERMS

- 15.1 In the event the pricing scheme in the FCC's Interim ISP Compensation Order (defined in Section 4.2 of this Attachment) is modified, eliminated or replaced, then the Parties agree to negotiate an appropriate amendment to conform to such change in accordance with the Intervening Law provisions of this Agreement and such new or changed provisions will apply on a prospective basis, beginning with the effective date of the new order, unless a determination is made as to retroactive application in the decision rendering such modification, elimination or replacement, in which instance, the new or changed provisions will apply retroactively as set forth in the new order. Either Party may begin billing the other Party according to the terms of the new order, beginning sixty (60) days after delivering a request to negotiate the change. True-up of any retroactive application, for either the amendment negotiation period and/or for the retroactive application period provided in the order, shall occur within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of the order, or be subject to dispute under Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement.
- 15.2 As set forth above, the Parties agree that SBC WISCONSIN has offered to exchange Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound traffic pursuant to the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan set forth in the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Dockets No. 96-98 and 99-68, *In the Matter of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic* (the "ISP Compensation Order"), which was remanded in *WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC*, No. 01-1218 (D.C. Cir. 2002).

- 15.3 SBC WISCONSIN and CLEC agree to carry out the FCC's interim ISP terminating compensation plan on the date designated by SBC WISCONSIN in a particular state without waiving, and expressly reserving, all appellate rights to contest FCC, judicial, legislative, or other regulatory rulings regarding ISP -Bound traffic, including but not limited to, appeals of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. By agreeing to this Appendix, both Parties reserve the right to advocate their respective positions before courts, state or federal commissions, or legislative bodies.
- 15.4 Should a regulatory agency, court or legislature change or nullify the SBC WISCONSIN's designated date to begin billing under the FCC's ISP terminating compensation plan, then the Parties also agree that any necessary billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments shall be made symmetrically and to the same date that the FCC terminating compensation plan was deemed applicable to all traffic in that state exchanged under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to the extent they are ordered by Intervening Law, to apply uniformly to all traffic among SBC WISCONSIN and 24-7 Telcom, Inc. in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.
- 15.5 The Parties further acknowledge that federal or state court challenges could be sustained against the FCC's ISP Compensation Order in particular, or against ISP intercarrier compensation generally. In particular, a court could order an injunction, stay or other retroactive ruling on ISP compensation back to the effective date of the FCC's ISP Compensation Order. Alternatively, a court could vacate the underlying Order upon which the compensation was based, and the FCC (either on remand or on its own motion) could rule that past traffic should be paid at different rates, terms or conditions.
- 15.6 Because of the possibilities in Section 15.5, the Parties agree that should the ISP Compensation Order be modified or reversed in such a manner that prior intercarrier compensation was paid under rates, terms or conditions later found to be null and void, then the Parties agree that, in addition to negotiating appropriate amendments to conform to such modification or reversal, the Parties will also agree that any billing true ups, reimbursements, or other accounting adjustments on past traffic shall be made uniformly and on the same date as for all traffic exchanged under Section 251(b)(5) of the Act. By way of interpretation, and without limiting the application of the foregoing, the Parties intend for retroactive compensation adjustments, to apply to all traffic among SBC WISCONSIN, and 24-7 Telcom, Inc. in the state where traffic is exchanged as Local Calls within the meaning of this Appendix.

16. SWITCHED ACCESS TRAFFIC

- 16.1 For purposes of this Agreement only, Switched Access Traffic shall mean all traffic that originates from an end user physically located in one local exchange and delivered for termination to an end user physically located in a different local exchange (excluding traffic from exchanges sharing a common mandatory local calling area as defined in SBC WISCONSIN's local exchange tariffs on file with the applicable state commission) including, without limitation, any traffic that (i) terminates over a Party's circuit switch, including traffic from a service that originates over a circuit switch and uses Internet Protocol (IP) transport technology (regardless of whether only one provider uses IP transport or multiple providers are involved in providing IP transport) and/or (ii) originates from the end user's premises in IP format and is transmitted to the switch of a provider of voice communication applications or services when such switch utilizes IP technology. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all Switched Access Traffic shall be delivered to the terminating Party over feature group access trunks per the terminating Party's access tariff(s) and shall be subject to applicable intrastate and interstate switched access charges; provided, however, the following categories of Switched Access Traffic are not subject to the above stated requirement relating to routing over feature group access trunks:
- (i) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from a CLEC end user that obtains local dial tone from CLEC where CLEC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the intraLATA toll provider,
 - (ii) IntraLATA toll Traffic or Optional EAS Traffic from an SBC end user that obtains local dial tone from SBC where SBC is both the Section 251(b)(5) Traffic provider and the intraLATA toll provider;

- (iii) Switched Access Traffic delivered to SBC from an Interexchange Carrier (IXC) where the terminating number is ported to another CLEC and the IXC fails to perform the Local Number Portability (LNP) query; and/or
- (iv) Switched Access Traffic delivered to either Party from a third party competitive local exchange carrier over interconnection trunk groups carrying Section 251(b)(5) Traffic and ISP-Bound Traffic (hereinafter referred to as "Local Interconnection Trunk Groups") destined to the other Party.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, each Party reserves its rights, remedies, and arguments relating to the application of Switched Access charges for traffic exchanged by the Parties prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement and described in the FCC's Order issued in the Petition for Declaratory Ruling that AT&T's Phone-to-Phone IP Telephony Services Exempt from Access Charges, WC Docket No. 01-361(Released April 21, 2004).

- 16.2 In the limited circumstances in which a third party competitive Local Exchange Carrier delivers Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 16.1 (iv) above to either Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, such Party may deliver such Switched Access Traffic to the terminating Party over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If it is determined that such traffic has been delivered over Local Interconnection Trunk Groups, the terminating Party may object to the delivery of such traffic by providing written notice to the delivering Party pursuant to the notice provisions set forth in the General Terms and Conditions and request removal of such traffic. The Parties will work cooperatively to identify the traffic with the goal of removing such traffic from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups. If the delivering Party has not removed or is unable to remove such Switched Access Traffic as described in Section 16.1(iv) above from the Local Interconnection Trunk Groups within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice from the other Party, the Parties agree to jointly file a complaint or any other appropriate action with the applicable Commission to seek any necessary permission to remove the traffic from such interconnection trunks up to and including the right to block such traffic and to obtain compensation, if appropriate, from the third party competitive local exchange carrier delivering such traffic to the extent it is not blocked.